Bangladeshi voters

1279. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that illegal migrants were allowed to vote in the last Lok Sabha and Assembly polls;

(b) if so, the constituency-wise Bangladeshi voters who exercised their voting right; and

(c) the steps taken to repatriate them at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) and (b) As per the existing provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 and Registration of Electors Rules, 1960 only Indian citizens are eligible for inclusion in the electoral roll and only persons registered in the electoral roll can vote during elections. Hence the question to allow them to register in the electroral roll and to vote does not arise. In exception to the above, in Assam the electors whose citizenship is doubtful/disputed and whose cases are referred to Foreigners Tribunal or Illegal Migrants Determination Tribunal for determining their citizenship status are not deleted from the roll but they are not allowed to cast their vote till their cases are favourably disposed off. These electors are called 'D' voters and letter 'D' is indicated against their entries in the electoral rolls till the tribunal rules that they are Indian Nationals.

(c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Irregularities in voters' list in Karnataka

1280. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of voters have been missing from the electoral rolls in Karnataka which were noticed at the time of last elections; and

(b) if so, the action, if any, taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir. A number of